



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Burrell *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/840,637

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For: TREATMENT OF ACNE

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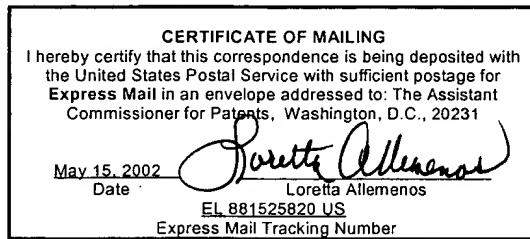
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:



This is responsive to the first Office Action dated January 15, 2002. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 4 as set out below:

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1. (Once amended) A method of treating acne conditions, which comprises:
contacting an acne problem area of a patient, with a therapeutically effective amount of
one or more antimicrobial metals in a crystalline form to provide a localized antimicrobial and
anti-inflammatory effect, wherein the one or more antimicrobial metals are characterized by